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Title	Method and Device for Removing Gas From Gas Containing Blood		

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## RESPONSE

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This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 31, 2002.  
Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## AMENDMENTS

The present claims are in the following form and have not been amended.

22. A device for extracting gas bubbles from blood comprising:
- a housing having an input channel and an outlet channel;
- said input channel and said outlet channel being concentric along a housing axis;